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SUBJECT: YEFREMOV'S DEPARTURE FROM EAST BERLIN

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS SEEN NO INDICATIONS, SUCH AS RECALL OF
AMBASSADORS WHO ARE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, CON-
FIRMING A MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY REVIEW. DOBRYNIN'S
JANUARY 22 DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON WAS NOT HURRIED,
AND WE SUSPECT THAT HIS TRIP IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED
WITH BILATERAL RELATIONS; E.G. RAMIFICATIONS OF THE
TRADE AGREEMENT SETBACK. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION YET
CONCERNING DATE OF HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON BUT UNDER-
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STAND HE MAY TAKE LEAVE FOLLOWING HIS CONSULTATIONS.

2. WE ASSUME YEFREMOV'S DEPARTURE FROM EAST BERLIN WAS IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT TO MOSCOW JANUARY 27-28 OF GDR FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER AND SED POLITBURO MEMBER AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY AXEN. JUDGING FROM COMMUNIQUE, SOVIET PRESS COVERAGE OF VISIT, AND CURRENT INDICATIONS OF SOVIET PREOCCUPATION WITH BERLIN QUESTIONS (MOSCOW 1226), VISIT PROBABLY DEALT MAINLY WITH GERMAN AFFAIRS, INCLUDING PROSPECTIVE ESTABLISHMENT IN WEST BERLIN OF AN EC RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND PREPARATIONS FOR

FORTHCOMING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEFEAT OF HITLER. WE HAVE NO READY EXPLANATION FOR THE SUDDENNESS OF YEFREMOV'S DEPARTURE, EXCEPT TO ASSUME THAT THE FISCHER AND AXEN VISIT CAME ABOUT ON RELATIVELY SHORT NOTICE.

3. YOU MAY PROVIDE ABOVE INFORMATION TO OMNES. KISSINGER

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